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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for the Teddy clippings. The Nation story is about the best I've seen on that needless tragedy. With such advisers who needs enemies?

Almost wrote you last night to tell you we are getting the significant portions of the N.O. testimony and there will be a set available for you. I've just presumed you may want it. I have a Thermofax of Frazier, Gary has parts of Finck but through Nichols we'll have what is worthwhile. Paul will be copying, of the arrangement I've made go through as I anticipate, because he gets Xeroxing for 3-4 cents a page. I've gotten not a page from N.O. and when you see what there is in these and Shaneyfelt, you'll recognize my preparing them for it in advance of the trial, including with my unpublished material. The astounding Finck disclosures are, as you'll recognize, from POST MORTEM.

It is not necessary for you to write for you must be busy with the added accumulations of the time you spent in Boston. If I do not hear from you, you'll get the testimony when we have all of it and can keep things straight.

I've finished a more-than-book-length addition to COUP D'ETAT on the Ray/King case and am reading and correcting it, but major change is beyond us for it will be at the cost of other work that I must get done. I think it is enough to bring about the disbarment of every lawyer involved, including the public defender, to get a trial, ever for Ray to file damage suits, bastard that he is. I have a connection here I'll tell you about in person. It has yielded some good and thoroughly dependable information. Rule is an indescribable scoundrel, Hanes is a fascist, Foreman framed his client, threatened him, and wound up bribing him! The whole thing is incredible, even after what we've been through. Unfortunately, because with the publishing problems I know I must live with, I've had to decide that I must make as complete a record as practical when I write, so the addition is longer than an acceptable book would be, not less than 125,000 words, perhaps over 150, and the original book is about that long, plus an enormous appendix. However, I've drafted it in a way that will simplify editing into a single work on Ray/King.

Slowly I'm accumulating a bit more on Fisher and his crime and criminal colleagues, all consistent with what you've seen.

I've had to slow down, some sort of health problem that is in all likelihood nerves or some kind of consequence of the kind of life and pace at which I've gone these recent years.

Sprague just sent me a copy of his article, "Did These Men Assassinate President Kennedy?". Well, they didn't, as he would know if he were not emotionally blind, for I gave him definitive proof in advance. His basic statements are in error. That is one of the disasters I was able to save us down south, through connections I have been able to make in Dallas. Those men were not arrested near Bowers, Bowers never said they were, and the only reason they were near the Depository is because that is the only way off the tracks in that area. They were arrested behind the post office on South Houston, that is, they were picked up. There is no record of an arrest. Many were picked up and questioned, released without arrest. They were vile-smelling, etc., for I've been able to tap witnesses who saw the pickup. I'll tell you more of my Dallas contacts when we are together again, if I haven't. In this case two exactly coincide on the information they got me. One was able to fill out the rest of the story when I gave him but part, a good test.

Spry you couldn't get down here. Hope you still can. Greyhound goes to within ten minutes of here. Bud has agreed to file a suit for me, vs. Gott. Started. Best,